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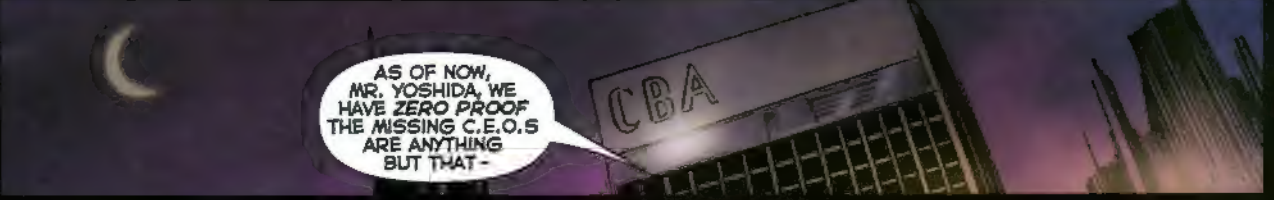
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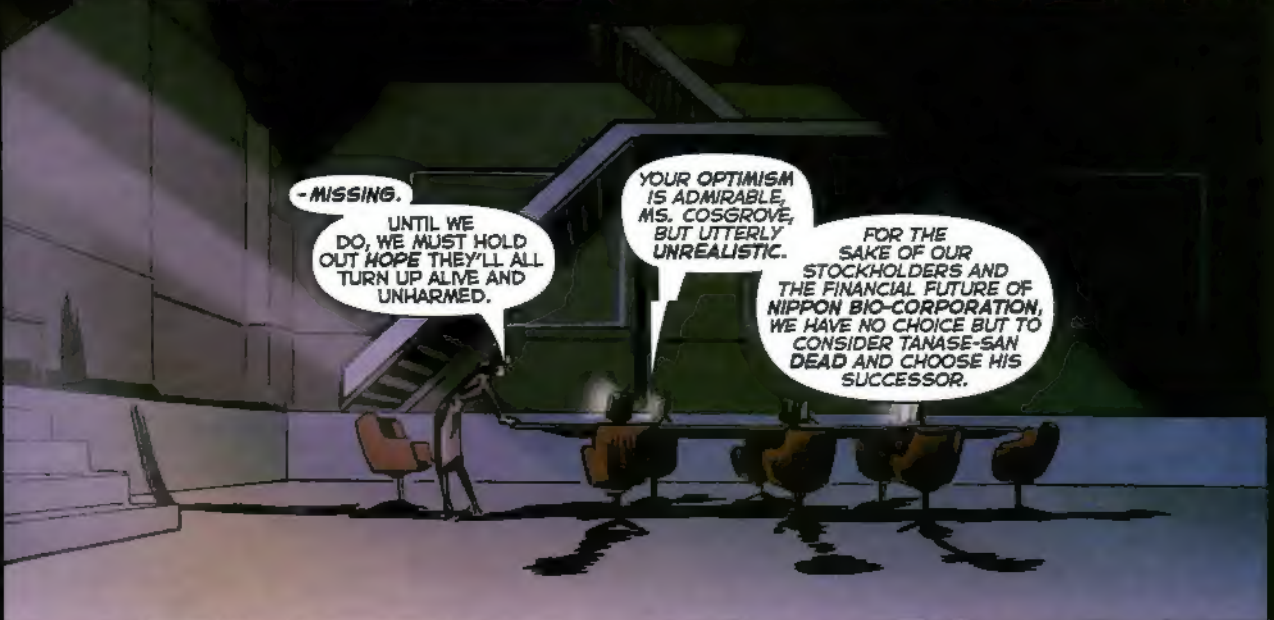
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AS OF NOW,
MR. YOSHIDA, WE
HAVE ZERO PROOF
THE MISSING C.E.O.'S
ARE ANYTHING
BUT THAT -

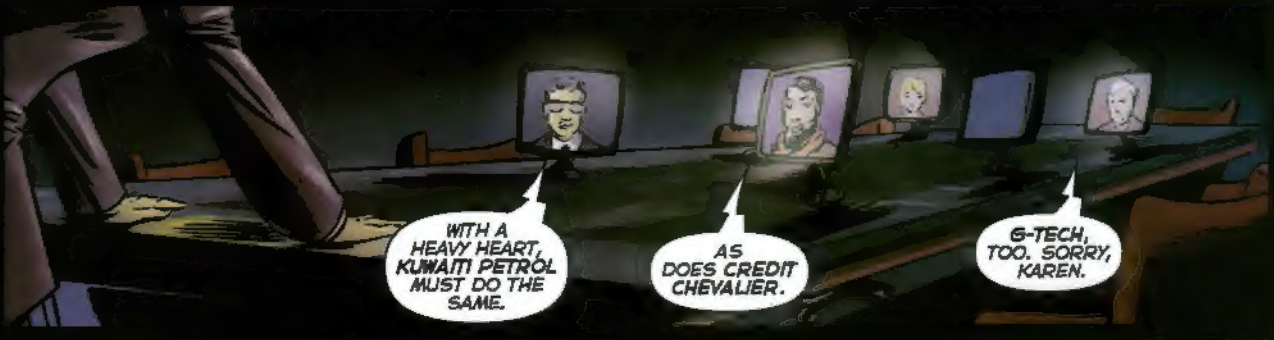


- MISSING.

UNTIL WE
DO, WE MUST HOLD
OUT HOPE THEY'LL ALL
TURN UP ALIVE AND
UNHARMED.

YOUR OPTIMISM
IS ADMIRABLE,
MS. COSGROVE,
BUT UTTERLY
UNREALISTIC.

FOR THE
SAKE OF OUR
STOCKHOLDERS AND
THE FINANCIAL FUTURE OF
NIPPON BIO-CORPORATION,
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO
CONSIDER TANASE-SAN
DEAD AND CHOOSE HIS
SUCCESSOR.



WITH A
HEAVY HEART,
KUWAITI PETROL
MUST DO THE
SAME.

AS
DOES CREDIT
CHEVALIER.

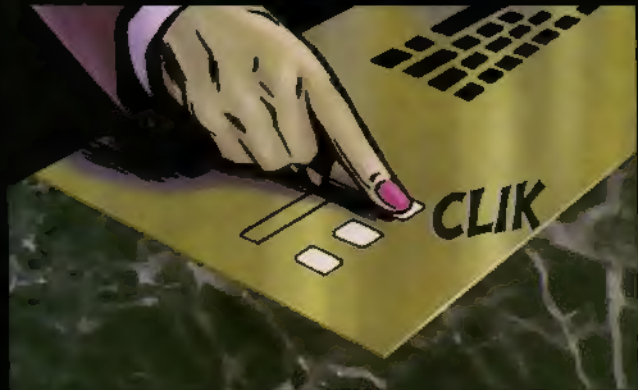
G-TECH,
TOO. SORRY,
KAREN.



SO THAT'S
IT? TO HELL WITH
THEM, THEN?

BOY, IS
YOUR KARMA
GONNA BE A
BITCH.

THINK TWICE
BEFORE CASTING YOUR
STONES, MS. COSGROVE.
WE ARE NOT THE ONES WHO
SENT A DECOY IN OUR
STEAD -



CLIK



DON'T
REMIND
ME...



WAY TO GO, DIANA... YET ANOTHER FINE NESS...



HMNN...



TZZZZT!



HURTS LIKE A SON OF A GUN, HUH?

GAINES!
TANASE! TAUTOU!
IBN-SAUD!
YOU'RE ALIVE!



AND CONFUSED. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, MADAME DIRECTOR? WHERE IS MADEMOISELLE COSGROVE?

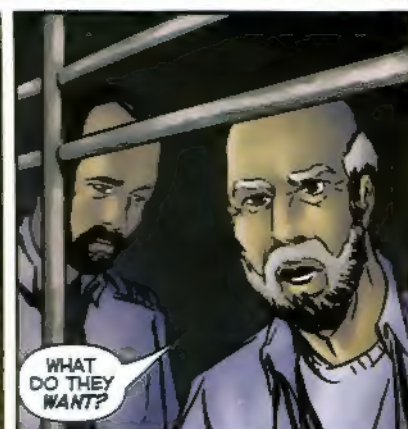
WHEN WE REALIZED SOMEONE WAS TARGETING THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE "THIRD WORLD, FIRST STEP" ECONOMIC SUMMIT -



WHO ARE THOSE WOMEN THAT HIJACKED US?

I TOOK KAREN'S PLACE TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.



WHAT DO THEY WANT?



MONEY. THOSE SIMBOS ARE NOTHING BUT A GANG OF TWO-BIT, WANNABE PIRATES. THEY CALL THEMSELVES -

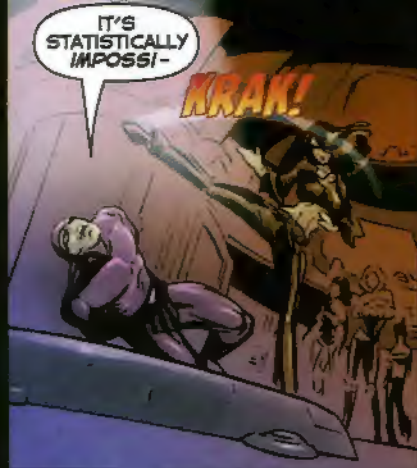


"...THE SKY BAND."

DON'T
KNOW WHAT TALL
TALES YOUR MOTHER
FED YOU GROWING
UP, KID -

- BUT I
AM NOT YOUR
FATHER.





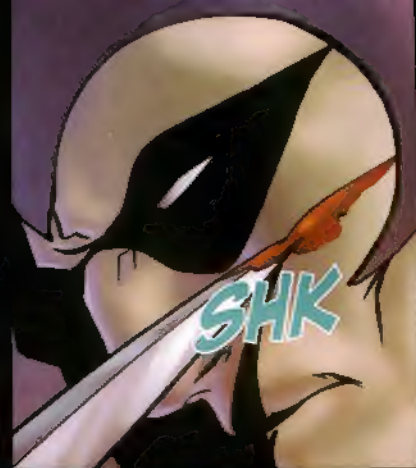
IT'S
STATISTICALLY
IMPOSSI-

KRAK!



YOU CAN
DENY IT TILL
YOUR DYING
BREATH-

- BUT
BLOOD DOESN'T
LIE.



SHK



MY WHOLE
LIFE I'VE WONDERED
IF THE LEGENDARY PHANTOM
THAT STOLE MY MOTHER'S
HEART WAS REALLY
MY FATHER.

NOW I'LL
FINALLY KNOW THE
TRUTH.



AISHA.

YES, SKY
QUEEN?

ANALYZE
THIS.

RIGHT
AWAY, SKY
QUEEN.



WHAT'S
THE STATUS OF
THE SATELLITES,
MIHO?

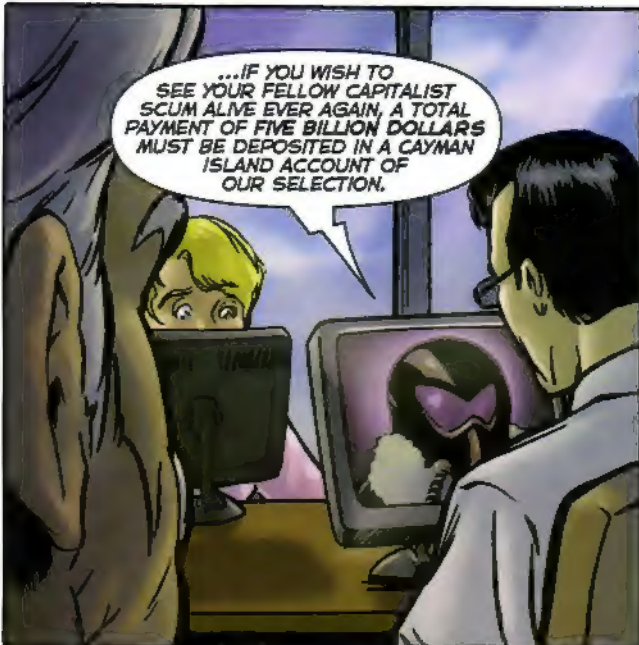
REMOTE
CONTROL OVERRIDE
CONFIRMED, SARA.
RE-POSITIONING RELAYS
WITH NEW COORDINATES.
BROADCASTING PRE-
RECORDED MESSAGE
IN THREE, TWO,
ONE...



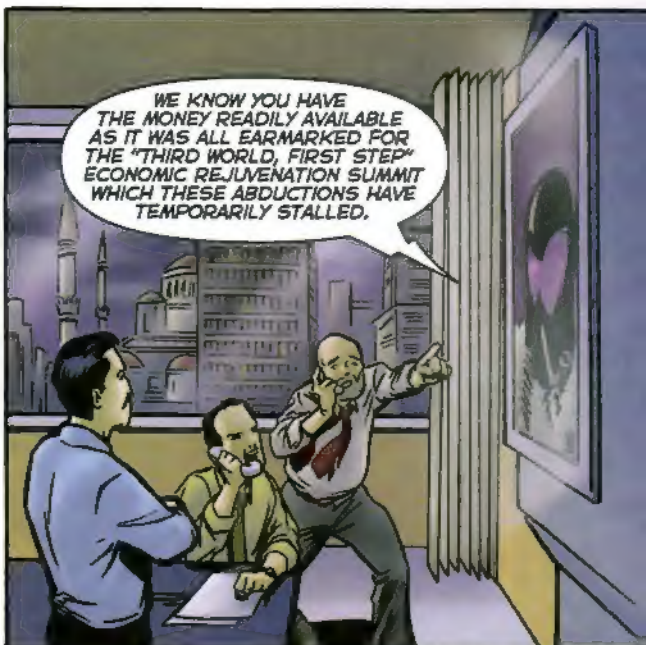
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF
G-TECH... KUWAITI PETROL...
CREDIT CHEVALIER... NIPPON
BIO-CORPORATION...

...AND COSSGROVE BROADCASTING,
WHOSE SATELLITE NETWORK WE'VE
CO-OPTED TO BRING YOU THIS
HIGH-DEFINITION RANSOM NOTE...

...OUR DEMANDS
ARE SIMPLE AND
UNEQUIVOCAL...



...IF YOU WISH TO SEE YOUR FELLOW CAPITALIST SCUM ALIVE EVER AGAIN, A TOTAL PAYMENT OF FIVE BILLION DOLLARS MUST BE DEPOSITED IN A CAYMAN ISLAND ACCOUNT OF OUR SELECTION.



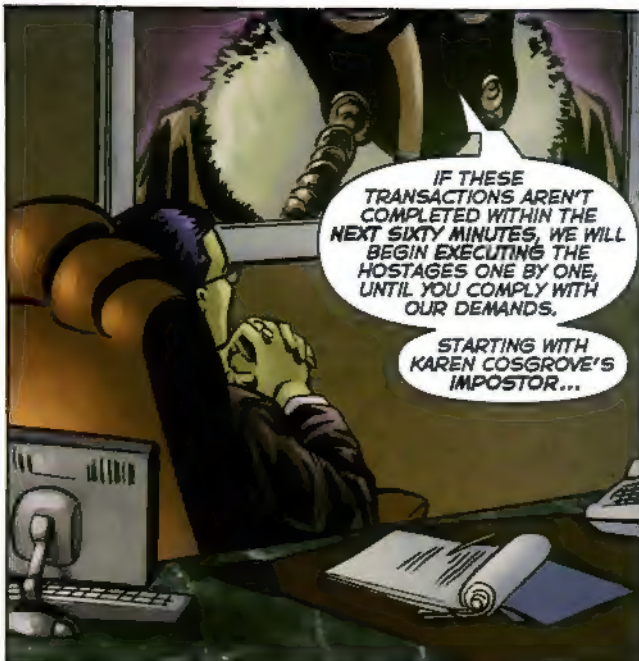
WE KNOW YOU HAVE THE MONEY READILY AVAILABLE AS IT WAS ALL EARMARKED FOR THE "THIRD WORLD, FIRST STEP" ECONOMIC REJUVENATION SUMMIT WHICH THESE ABDUCTIONS HAVE TEMPORARILY STALLED.



WE HAVE NO WISH TO HARM THE COUNTRIES THAT STAND TO BENEFIT FROM THOSE DONATIONS. FAR TOO MANY IMPOVERISHED NATIONS HAVE SUFFERED ENOUGH ALREADY FOR YOUR GREED.



WHICH IS WHY, IN ADDITION TO THE BOUNTY ON YOUR EMPLOYERS' HEADS, EACH OF YOU WILL RECOUP THOSE LOST FUNDS, BRINGING THE GRAND TOTAL RANSOM TO TEN BILLION.



IF THESE TRANSACTIONS AREN'T COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT SIXTY MINUTES, WE WILL BEGIN EXECUTING THE HOSTAGES ONE BY ONE, UNTIL YOU COMPLY WITH OUR DEMANDS.

STARTING WITH KAREN COSGROVE'S IMPOSTOR...



MILLIE.

YES, MS. COSGROVE?

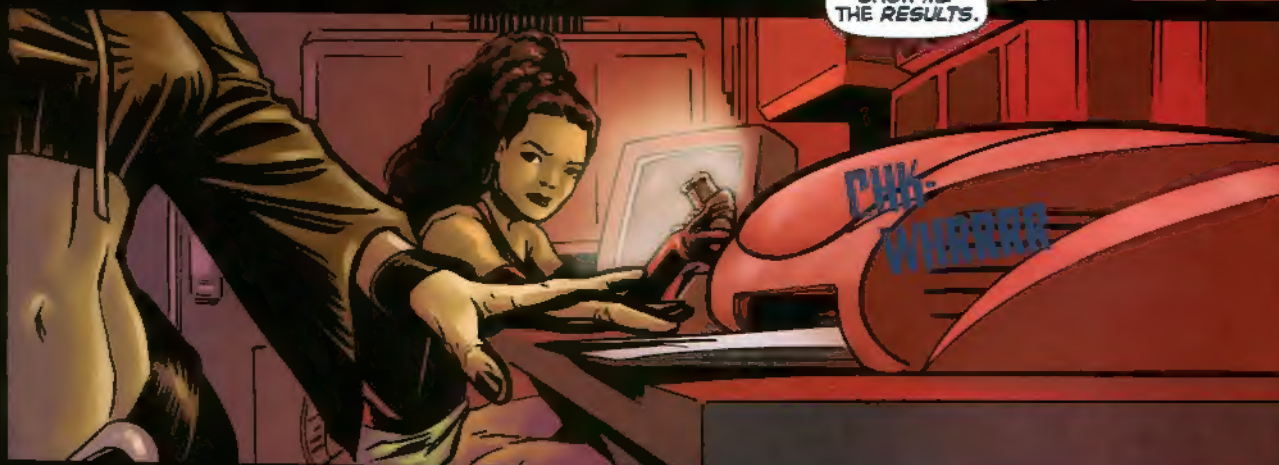
GET ME ACCOUNTING...

...DNA FOUND IN SKIN,
SALIVA AND BLOOD, PROVIDES
THE NECESSARY GENETIC INFORMATION
TO DETERMINE PATERNITY WITHIN A
ONE PERCENT MARGIN OF
ERROR.



THE PATTERNS
THAT EMERGE WILL
TELL US, TRULY, IF YOU
AND THE PHANTOM ARE
RELATED.

SHOW ME
THE RESULTS.



AS I SAID,
THERE'S A
ONE PERCENT
MARGIN...





TIME'S UP!

BUT SKY QUEEN, THERE ARE STILL TWENTY MINUTES -

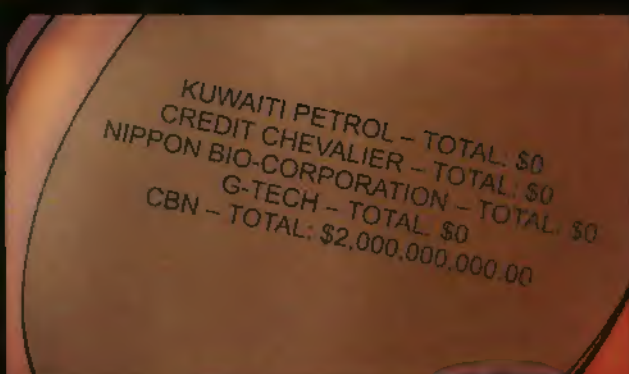
I SAID, IT'S OVER! THE DEAL'S OFF!



HOW MUCH DID WE MAKE?

I HAVE CONFIRMATION OF ONE DEPOSIT.

WHO?



KUWAITI PETROL - TOTAL: \$0
CREDIT CHEVALIER - TOTAL: \$0
NIPPON BIO-CORPORATION - TOTAL: \$0
G-TECH - TOTAL: \$0
CBN - TOTAL: \$2,000,000,000.00



GUILT IS INDEED A POWERFUL MOTIVATOR.

I'LL GIVE THEM ALL SOMETHING TO FEEL GUILTY ABOUT.

CH-CHAK



DON'T DO THIS, SARA. DON'T TAKE YOUR FRUSTRATION WITH ME OUT ON INNOCENT PEOPLE.

TOO LATE, PHANTOM! IT'S DONE!

THOSE COMPANIES HAVE MADE THEIR BOTTOM LINE PERFECTLY CLEAR! THEY VALUE MONEY MORE THAN LIFE!



TIME TO PAY THE PIPER!



TEN BUCKS
SAYS YOU'RE
GONNA HELP ME
ESCAPE.



OKAY, BUT
DON'T SAY I
DIDN'T *SNH*
WARN YOU.



TZZZZZAKT!

GAAAAH!



FOOL.
THE
CHARGE IN
THOSE SHACKLES
COULD STOP A
RHINO.



RHINOS
GOT NOTHING
ON ME.

!!?!!!



UHHNNH!!



KEYS,
ONEGAI
SHIMASU.



ARIGATO
GOZAIMASU.

KLIK



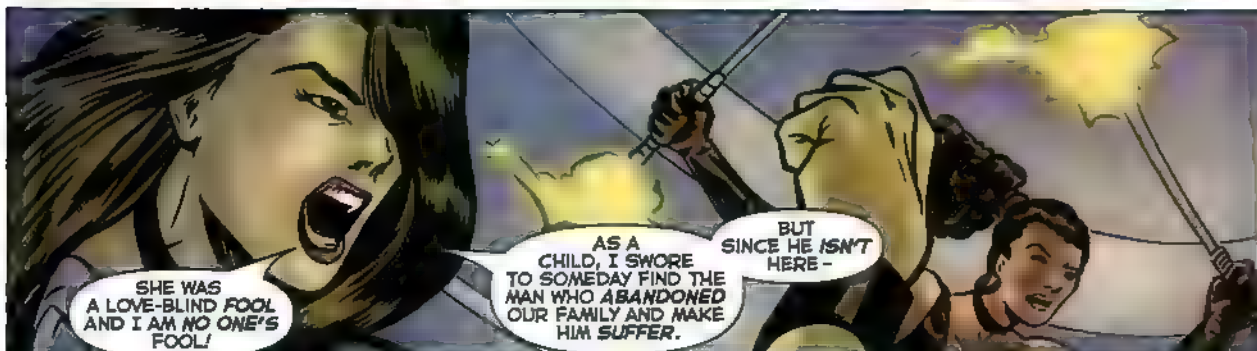
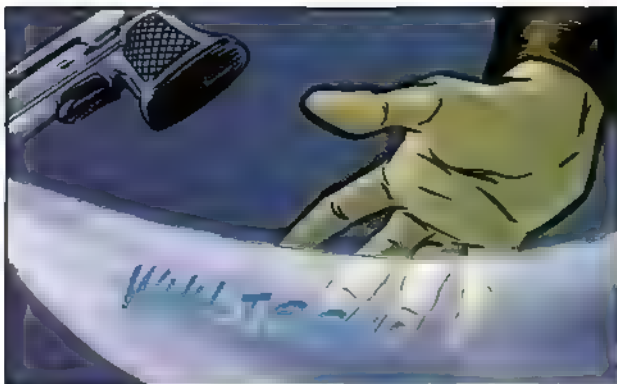
SMART
MOVE NOT TAKING
THAT BET.

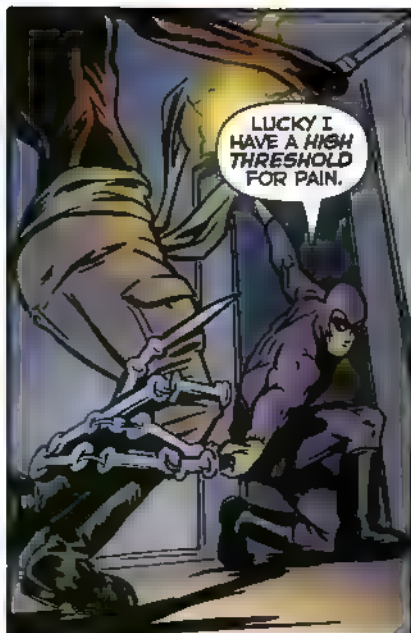
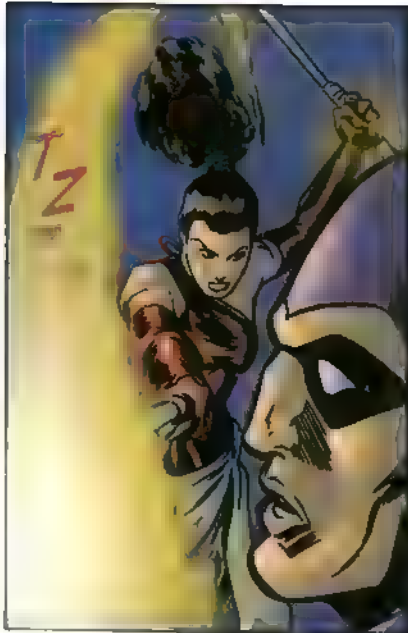
KLAK

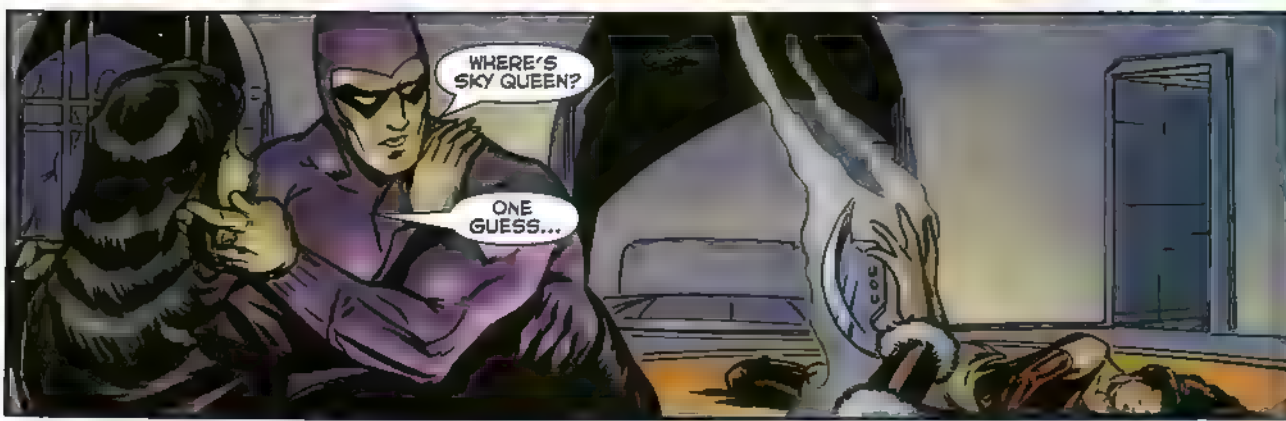
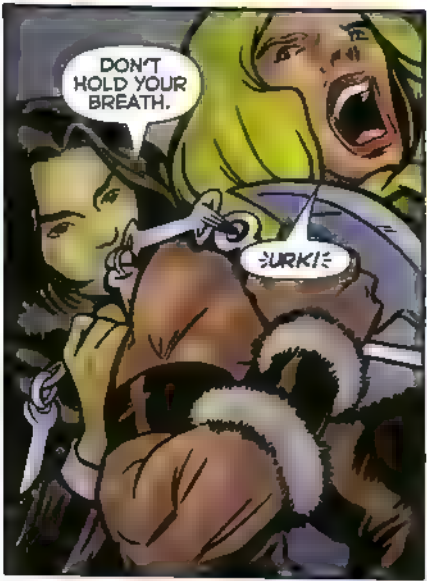
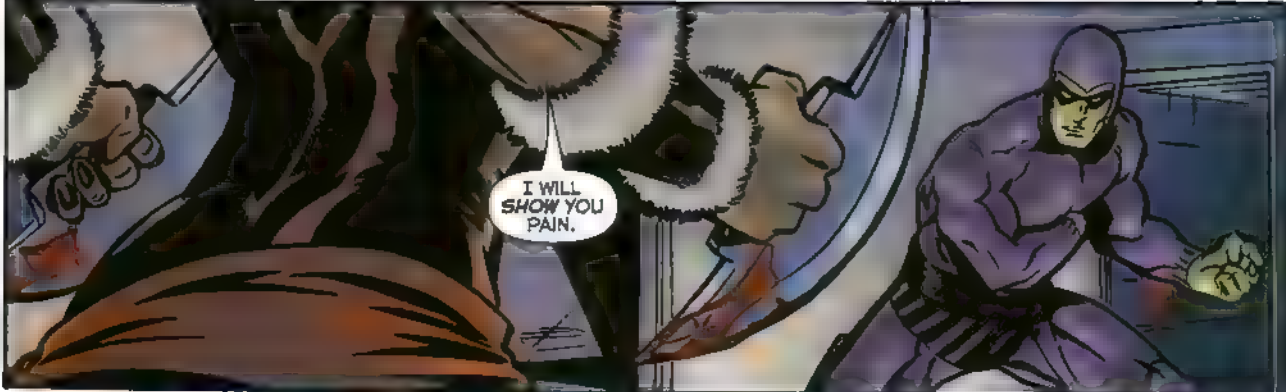


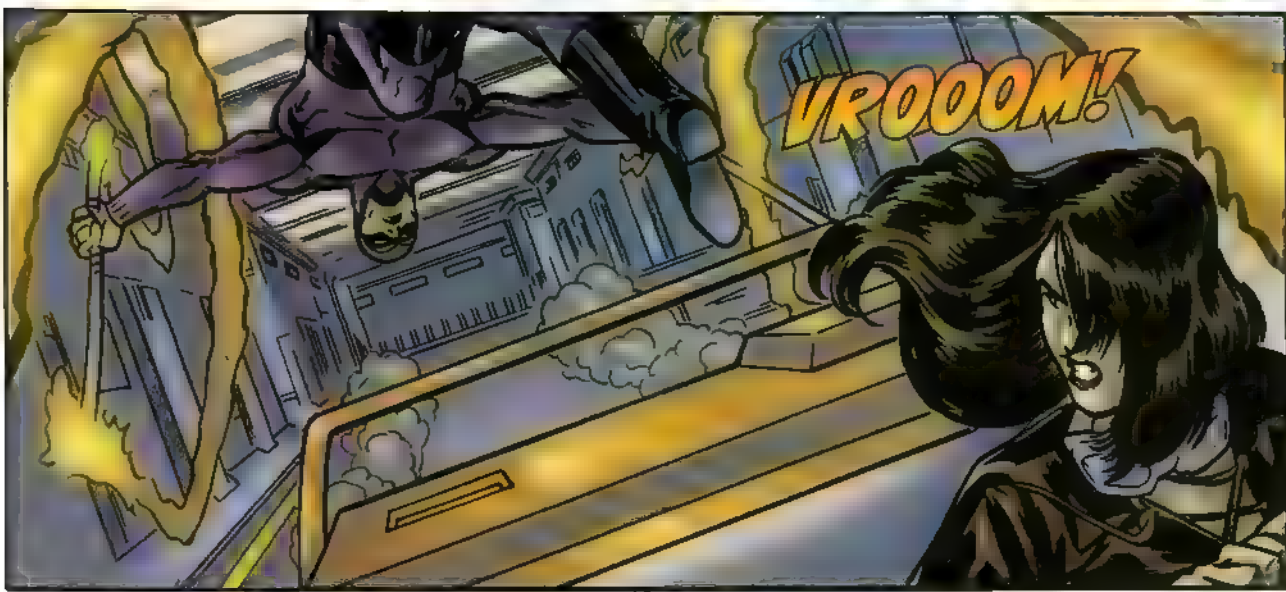
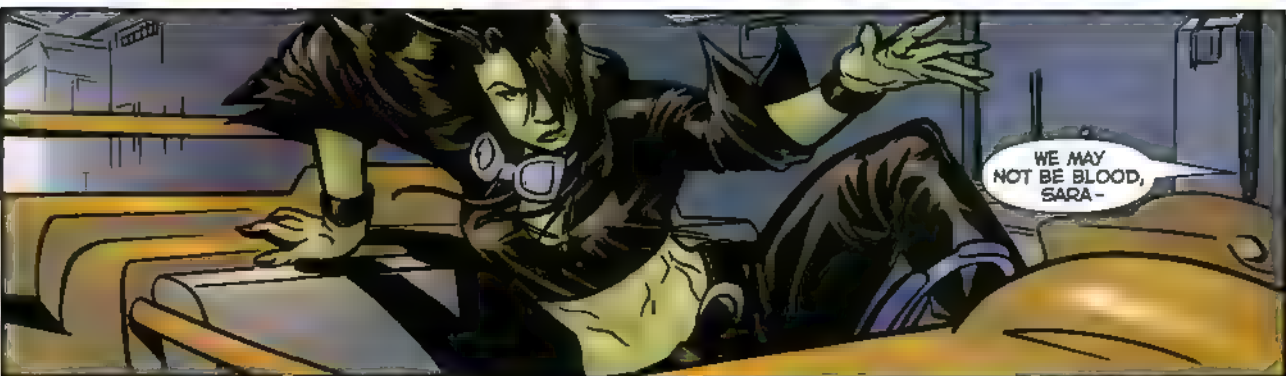
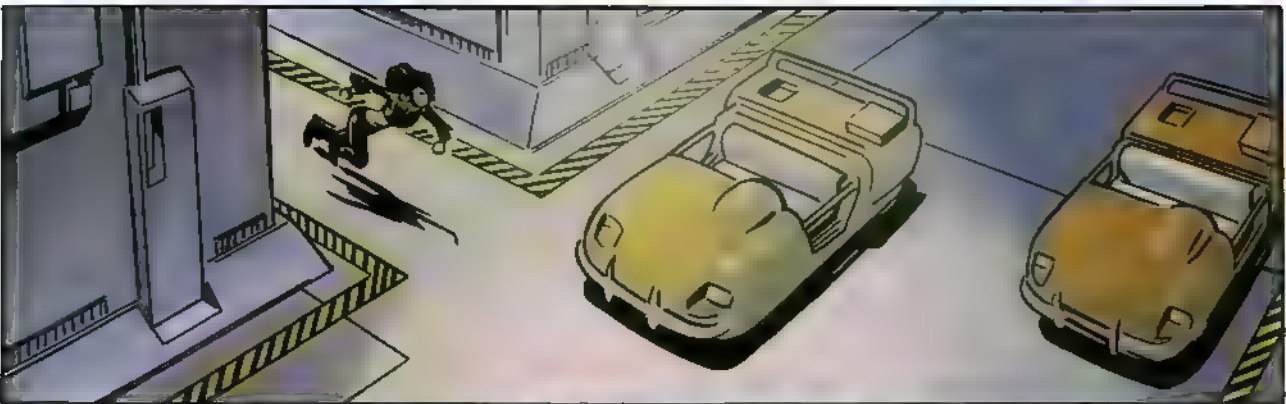
SAVED
YOURSELF TEN
BUCKS.

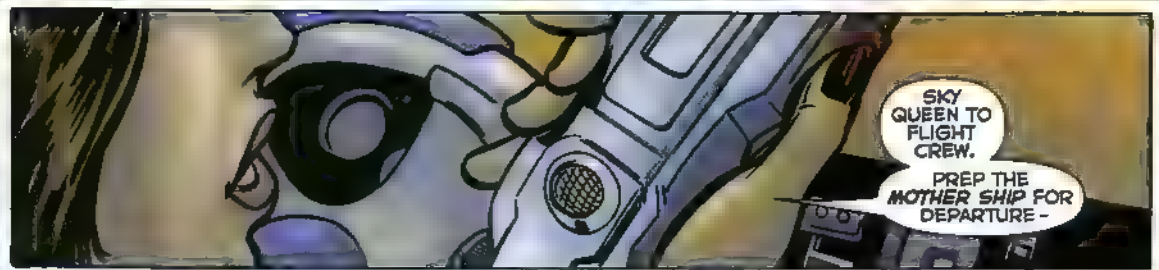










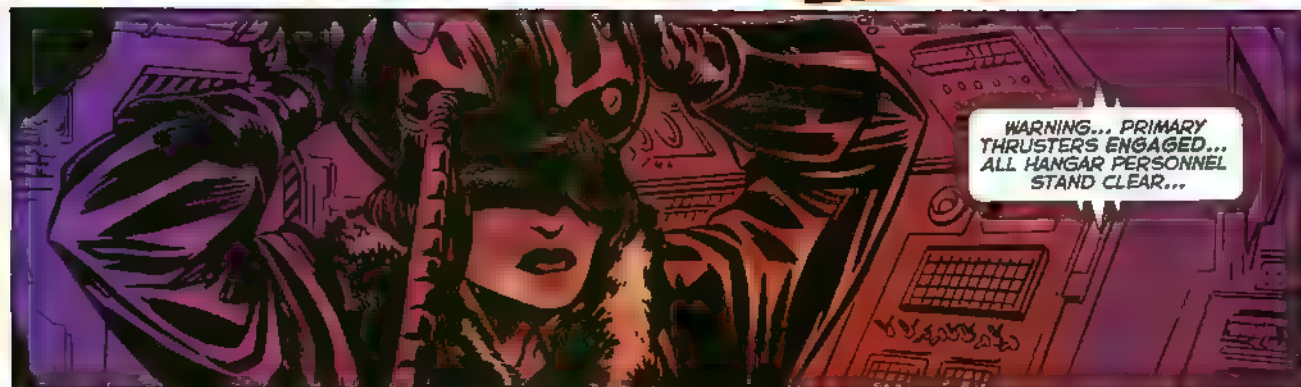


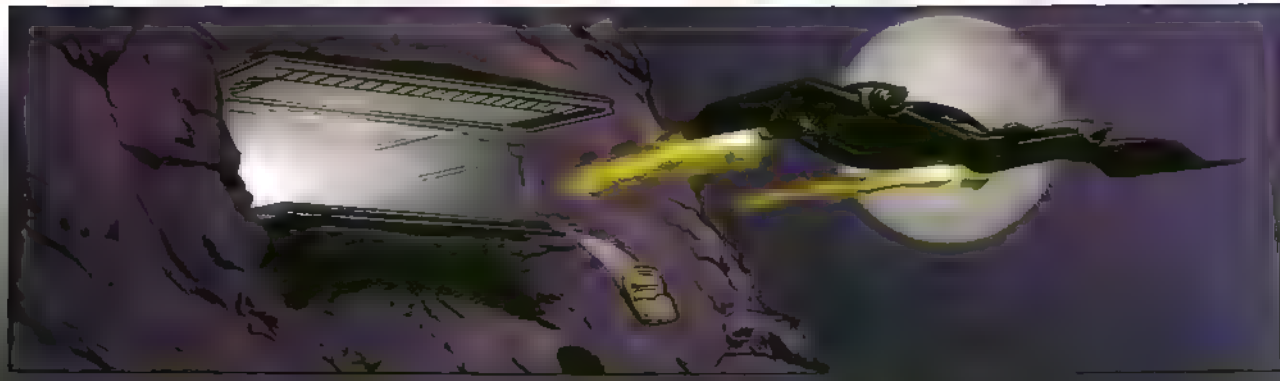
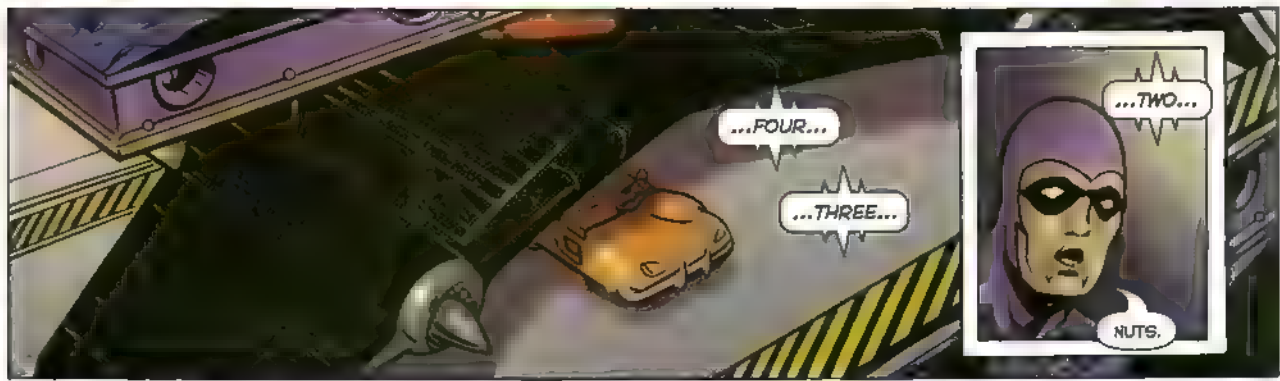
SKY
QUEEN TO
FLIGHT
CREW.

PREP THE
MOTHER SHIP FOR
DEPARTURE -

- IT'S TIME
TO FLY.









DON'T KNOW WHO YOUR FRIEND IN THE PURPLE LONGJOHNS IS, BUT I'VE GOT TWO WORDS FOR HIM:

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP.



SORRY, GAINES.

THE PHANTOM'S NOT FOR SALE.



CLAUDETTE, KENICHI, JAMAL... I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A HARROWING ORDEAL, BUT I NEED YOU ALL TO BE BRAVE FOR JUST A LITTLE LONGER.

COMPARED TO THE BATTLES I HAVE FOUGHT IN THE BOARDROOM, MADAM DIRECTOR, THIS IS NOTHING.

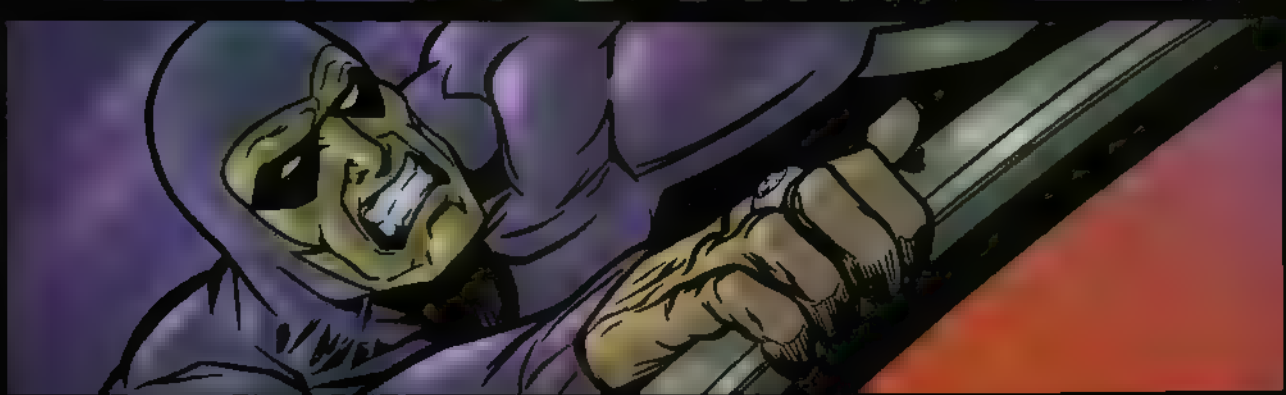
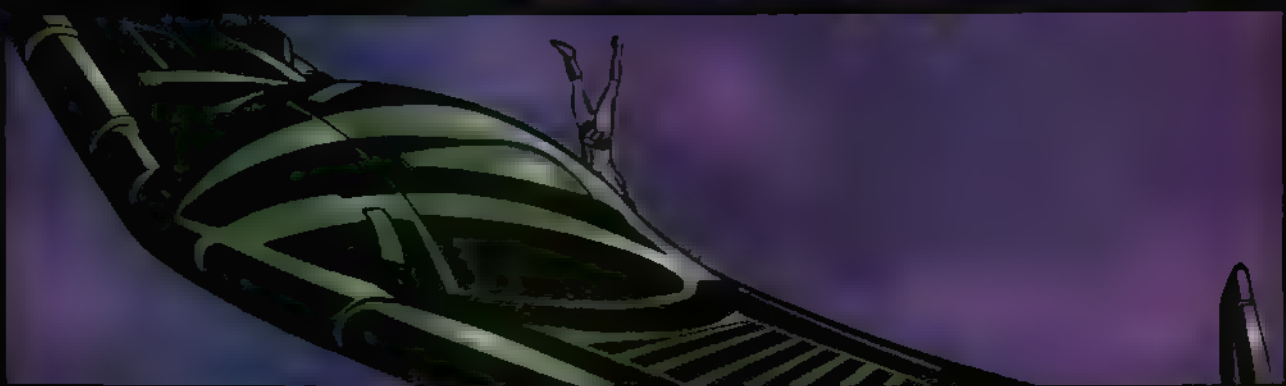
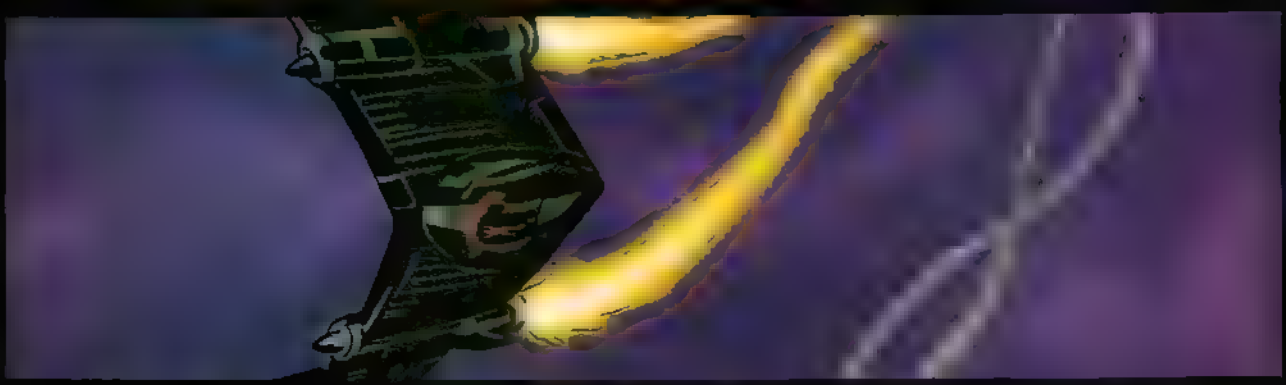
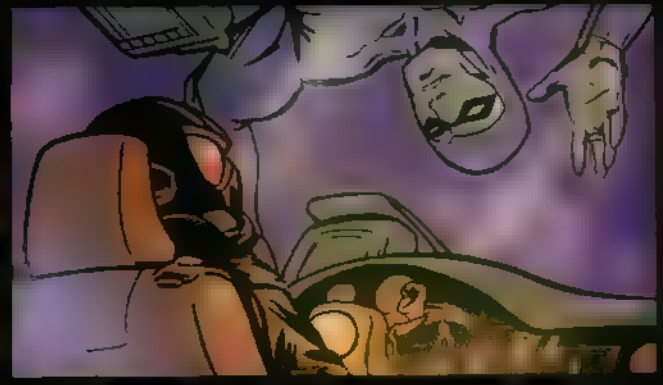
GOOD. FIND YOUR PLANES AND GET TO AFRICA. THE SUMMIT MUST GO ON.



WAIT, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



TO MAKE A PHONE CALL...



I HELD UP
MY END OF THE
DEAL! THEY GOT THEIR
DAMNED BLOOD MONEY
OVER TWO HOURS
AGO!

NOW I
WANT TO KNOW
WHERE IN THE
WORLD IS

HELLO? IS
THIS THING ON?
KAREN? YOU
THERE?

DIANA?

DIANA! OH,
THANK GOD! ARE
YOU OKAY? WHAT
ABOUT THE
OTHERS?

I THINK I
CAN SPEAK FOR
THE GROUP WHEN I
SAY WE'VE ALL HAD
BETTER DAYS.

I NEVER
SHOULD HAVE LET
YOU TALK ME INTO TAKING
MY PLACE. IF I HADN'T
BEEN SUCH A
COWARD

HEY, IF NOT
FOR ME, NONE
OF YOU WOULD'VE
SIGNED ON FOR THE
SUMMIT AND GOTTEN
ABDUCTED IN
THE FIRST PLACE.

BUT THERE
IS ONE LAST
FAVOR I NEED
TO ASK.

NAME IT...



SIR! WE'VE GOT
AN URGENT INCOMING
CALL FROM THE UNITED
STATES!



WHAT'S SO
URGENT ABOUT IT,
CORPORAL?

THE MISSING
INTERNATIONAL CEOs,
SIR! THEY'VE BEEN
FOUND! ALIVE!

WHERE?

APPROXIMATELY
9 DEGREES SOUTH
LATITUDE, 116 DEGREES
EAST LONGITUDE.



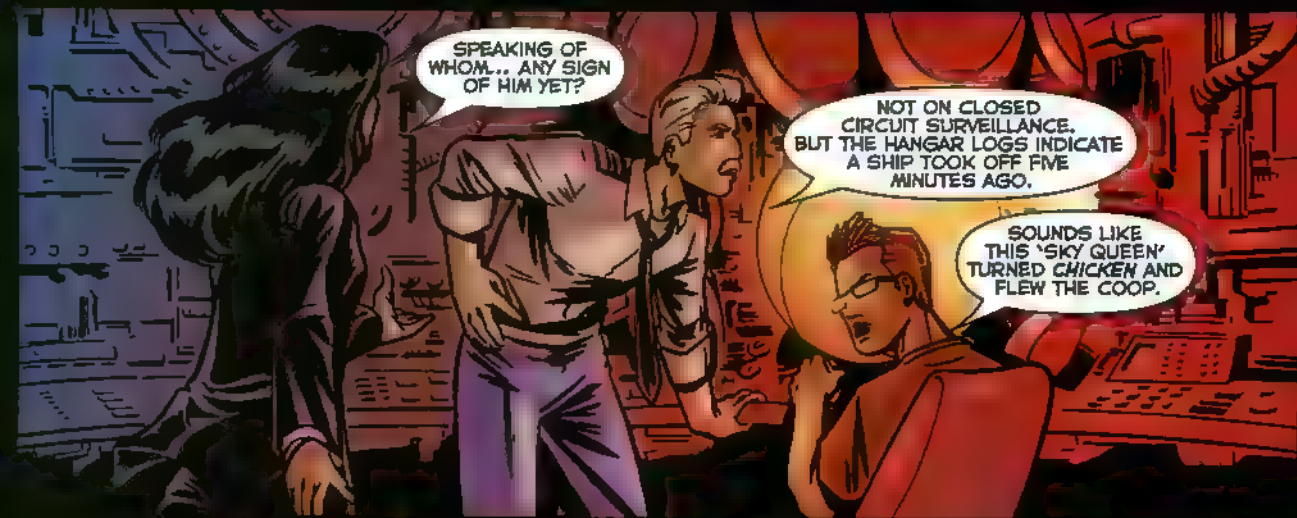
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ISLE OF
LUNTOK...

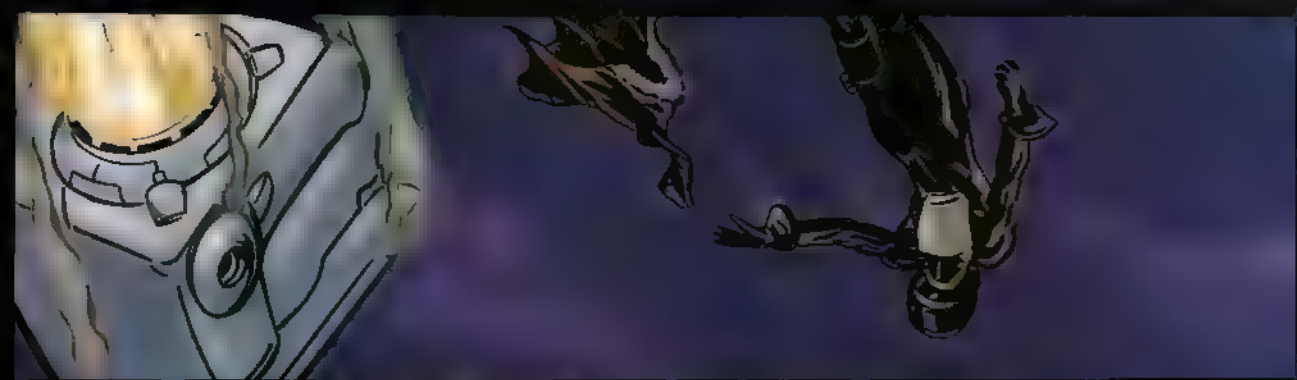
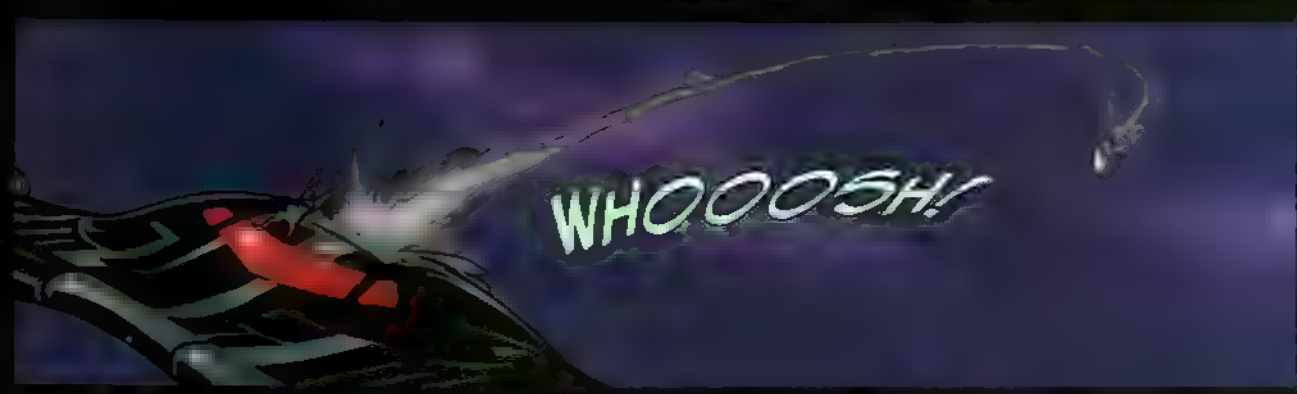
ASSEMBLE
SEARCH AND
RESCUE, CAPTAIN
MURANO.

I WANT
THOSE HOSTAGES
RETURNED SAFE AND
SOUND.



SIR, YES,
SIR!







TWENTY SECONDS
UNTIL THAT BIRD HITS
BEDROCK. NINETEEN...
EIGHTEEN...

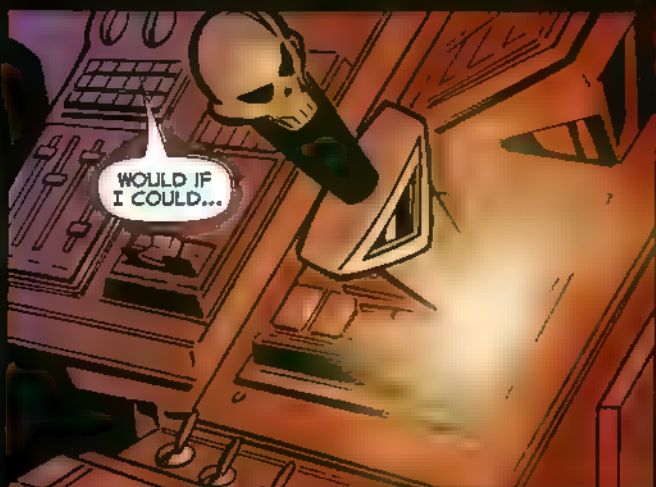
HE'S NOT
GONNA MAKE
IT.

COME IN,
PHANTOM! DO
YOU READ ME?!
OVER!



COPY THAT,
DIANA. YOU'RE
NOT RID OF ME
YET.

WHAT ARE
YOU WAITING FOR?!
GET OUT OF THERE!
CHANGE COURSE! DO
SOMETHING!



WOULD IF
I COULD...



WARNING!
T-MINUS 5 SECONDS
TO IMPACT...



DIANA,
I -

...4... 3...

DON'T YOU
DARE SAY IT, MISTER!
YOU ARE NOT GOING
TO DIE! NOT LIKE THIS!
NOT TODAY!

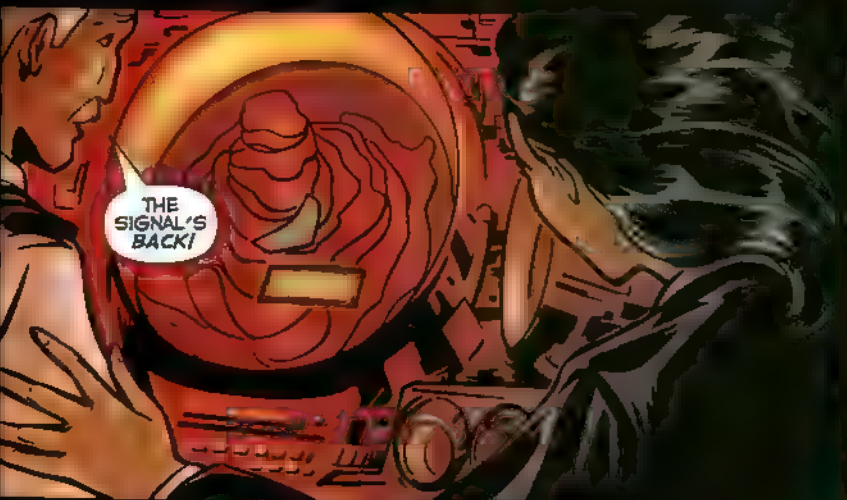
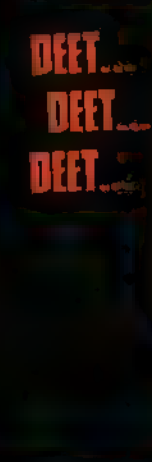
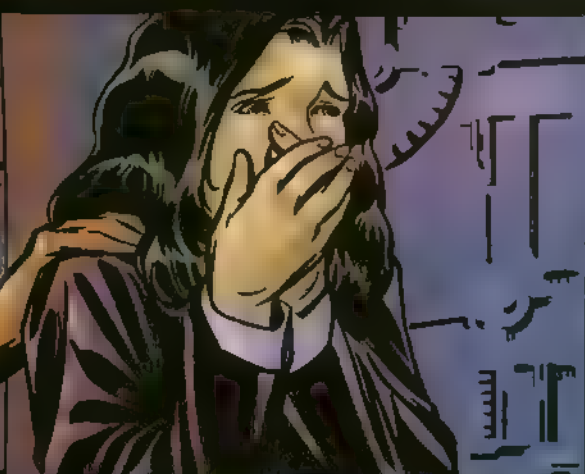
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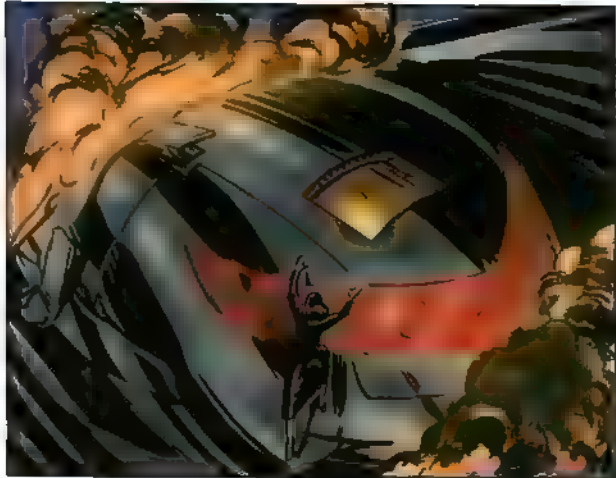
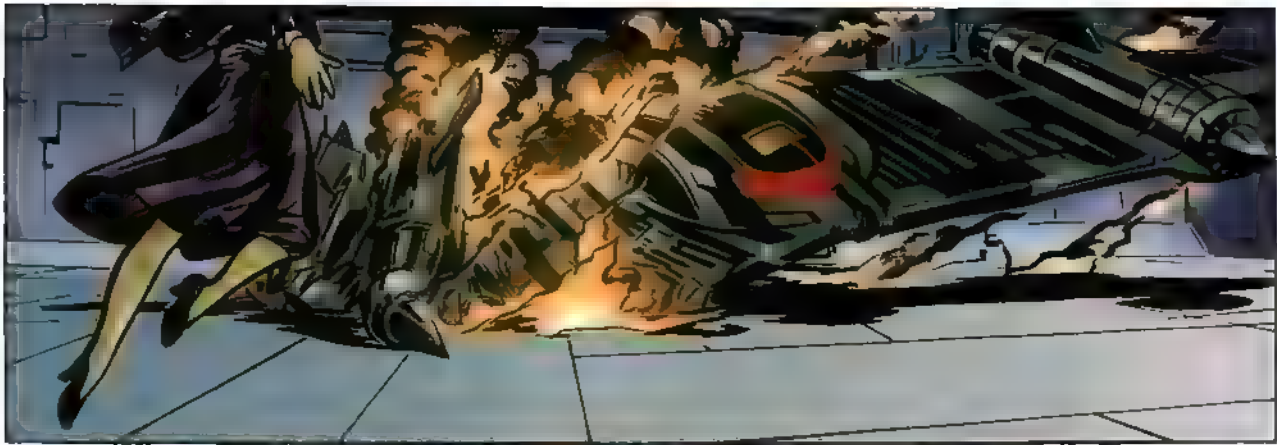
I JUST WANT
YOU TO KNOW THAT
I ALWAYS HAVE AND I
ALWAYS WILL LO-

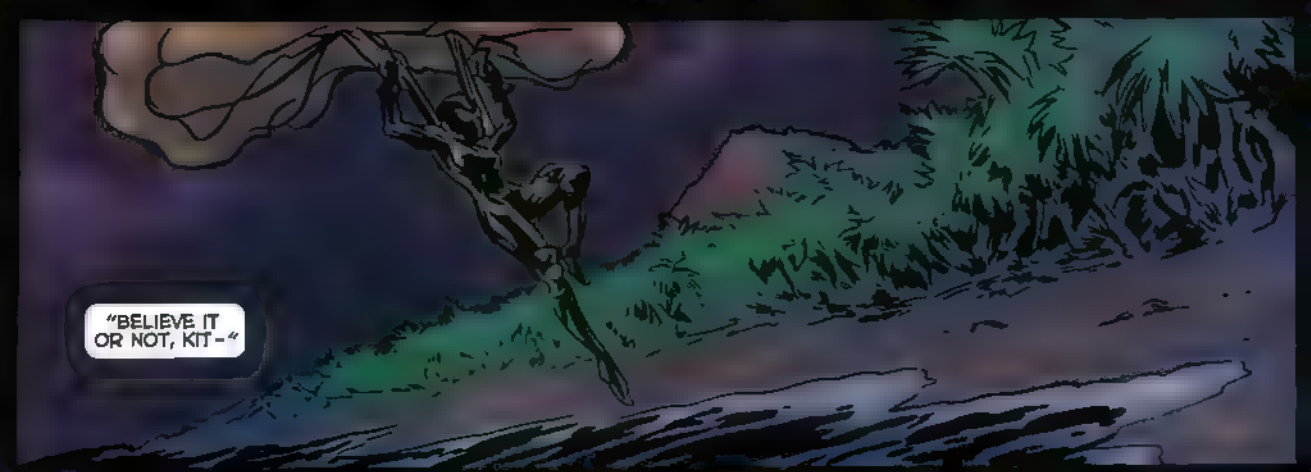


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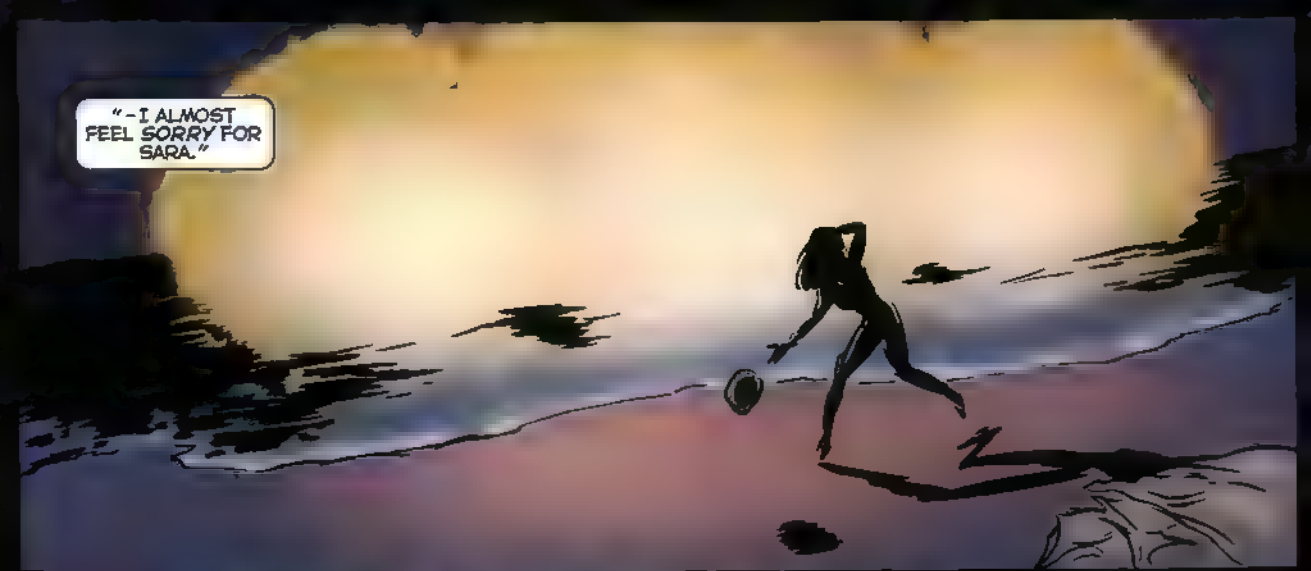
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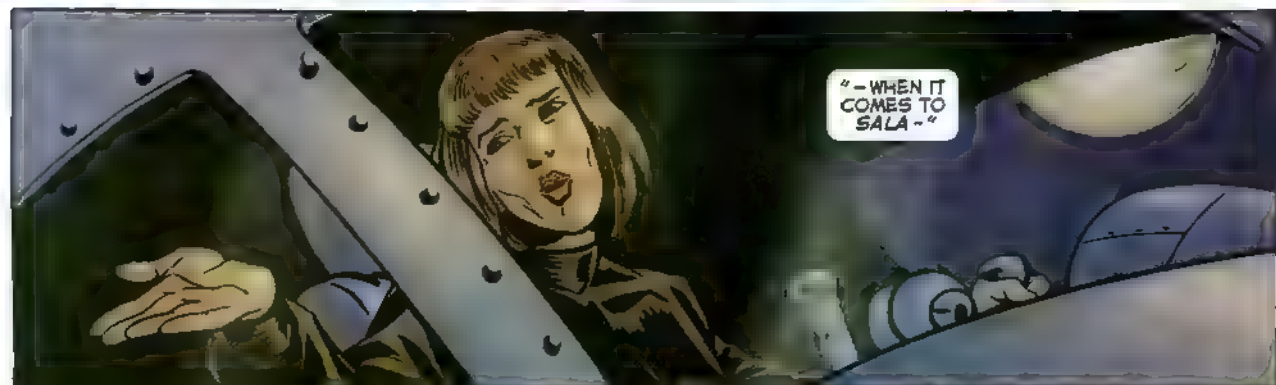
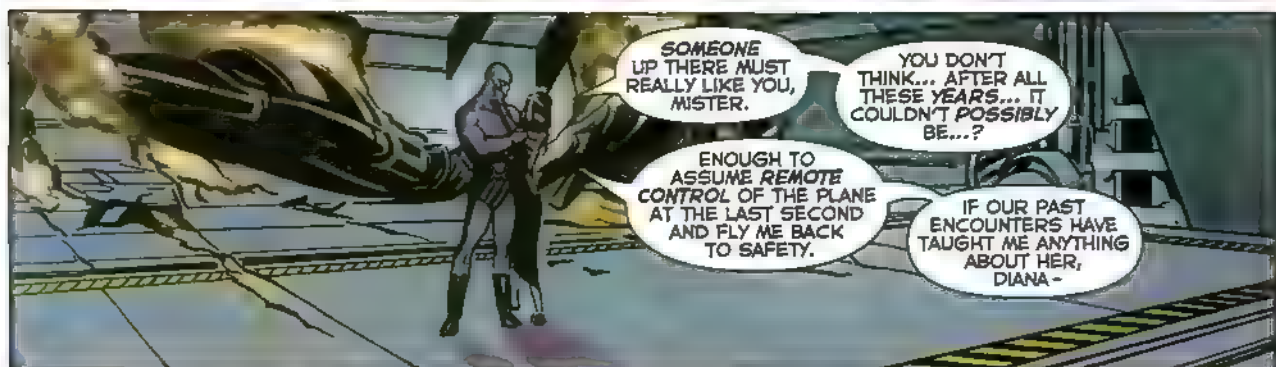
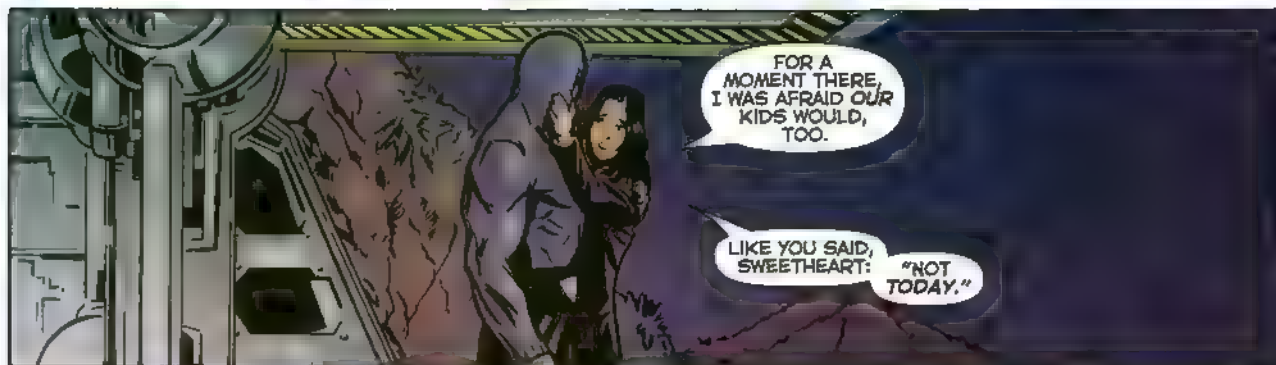
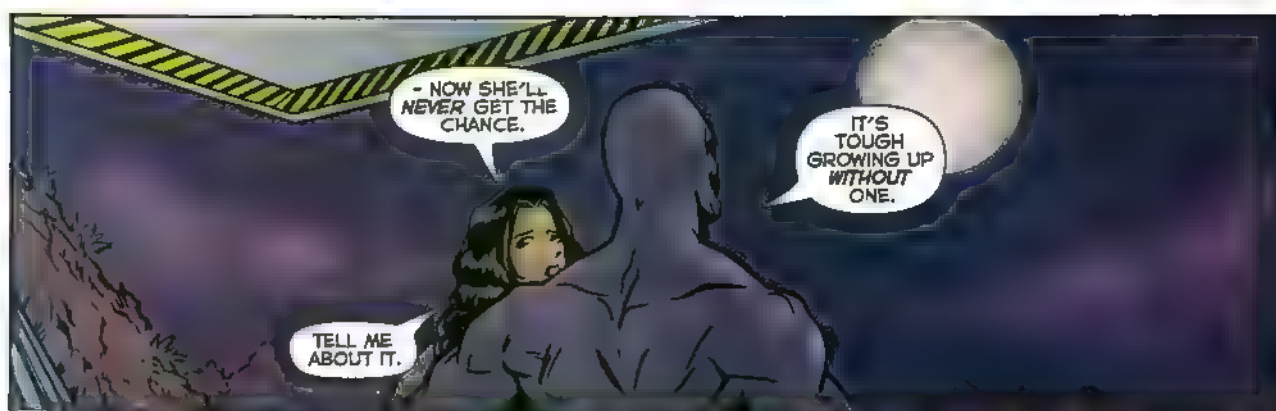
"BELIEVE IT
OR NOT, KIT—"



"—I ALMOST
FEEL SORRY FOR
SARA."



"ALL SHE EVER REALLY
WANTED WAS TO KNOW
HER FATHER—"





Notes from your



GAL on the MOON

HELP NAME THIS PAGE!

(Details below)

Greetings and Salutations to one and all from your cute Gal on the Moon!

Welcome boys and girls to my first editorial page here at my favorite publisher: Moonstone! My name is Lori G. and I am an editor here and I thought it would be fun to clue everyone in on some of the exciting projects we have coming up! (Now, I am the editor of some of these fine books, BUT I am not biased in the least, really).

First up we have **REVISIONARY!** By Mr. Paul D. Storrie (Gotham Girls) and Mr. EricJ (Rex Mundi). Randall Gordon, TV psychic, has been blessed/cursed with the "gift" of true precognition. Problem is, having visions of the future is no guarantee that you'll live to see it. I have to say that this book will knock your socks off! #1 is available now and #2 is scheduled for August. So, check it out! It is a very fast paced story that will keep you on the edge of your seats. (#1 - APR053020, #2 - JUN053076)

Next up, we have our first western book starring a *female*, I am talking about none-other than **BELLE STARR!** Masterfully written by Mark Ricketts (Iron Man) with stellar artwork by Steve Buccelatto (Banan: Death and the Maidens). Part western, part murder-mystery, but one thing for sure: you boys need to watch out! This gun-toting gal can kick some serious cowboy ass! #1 is available now and #2 will be following fast on its heels in August. (#1 -APR053015, #2 -JUN053069). This is not your average western, definitely some surprises are awaiting you in these pages.

VENGEANCE OF THE MUMMY #1 will be shipping in September and I am really excited about this book too. Well, let's be honest here, I'm excited about all of our books here at Moonstone, BUT the ones I work on hold a special place in my heart, it's just the way it works. This action-packed story is by Justin Gray (Hawkman, Jonah Hex), cool artwork by Zeu, and awesome covers by Kalman Andrasofszky. Hot mummy chick, need we say more? Talk about sexy, this book will really grab your attention, and what a damn exciting read! Issue #2 will follow 2 months later in November.

LAI WAN #1 will be shipping in September also. **ANOTHER** hot chick brought to you by your friends here at Moonstone, what can I say, we aim to please! We just don't sell books about hot chicks, we sell books about hot chicks that are well written. How about that for a novelty? Lai Wan is written by hard-boiled writer CJ Henderson (author of the Jack Hagee series of novels) with art by newcomer Shawn McGuan. This story is like no other comic you've read. Lai Wan has powers, oh hell yeah, but NOT your run-of-the-mill powers, no siree, we here at Moonstone are always trying NEW and DIFFERENT concepts. Lai Wan is a *psychometric*, a *what* you might ask? Buy the book honey, and find out! More Lai Wan stories are on the way, and let me assure you, you will *definitely* be coming back for more.

Last, but NOT least: we have our very first prose anthology coming out! Wow, what a great line-up of short stories we have for you! **THE NIGHTSTALKER CHRONICLES** is a smorgasbord of Kolchak stories, a little something for everyone! With the all new Kolchak TV show hitting televisions this fall, everyone needs to pick up a copy of this book! I loved each and every story, some true gems are in here I tell ya. We've got Chuck Dixon, we've got Simpsons writer James Bates, we've got Peter David, AND we've got the legendary Max Allan Collins and SO many more! (Psst...here's a special tidbit for ya: there will be a guest appearance by Dark Shadows' very own *Barnabas* Collins in this anthology, how cool is that?)

What else do we have in store for you guys? I'm so glad you asked! Let me tell you about some of the other books that we publish. Now, I am not the editor of these books, but that shouldn't stop you from picking them up, they are in the capable hands of our very own Editor-in-Chief Joe Gentile, and my editing-partner-in-crime, Garrett J. Anderson, and even our Art Director Dave Ulanski has his hands in the editorial pool!

CISCO KID #1 (FEB052968) is available NOW and #2 is coming soon (JUN053071) written by Len "gun-smokin" Kody with breath-taking art by Dennis "shoot 'em up" Calero. O'Henry's tragic character kicks serious ass! Action, adventure, guns, and other surprises!

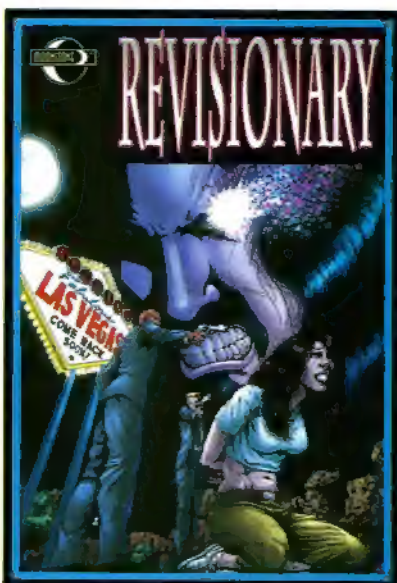
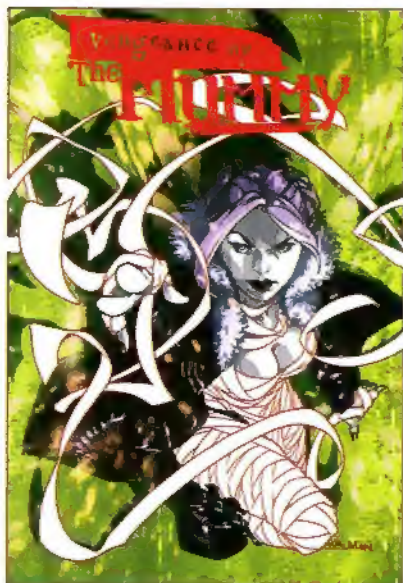
KHAN #1 (MAY052865) Move over Conan, there's another fearless warrior in town! That's right boys and girls, Genghis Khan is making his comic book debut right here at Moonstone written by the one and only Tom Defalco! Woohoo, how about that? With art from the talented Don Hudson!

GERONIMO THE LAST APACHE WARRIOR: 25 years into the Apache wars, Geronimo stays free, defiant, and indomitable. Believe me, you do NOT want to mess with this man! Written by Eric Griffin featuring the art of the legendary Chaz Truog (fan-fav Animal Man artist), this graphic novel will be hitting the shelves soon, look for it in September.

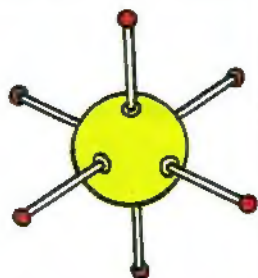
And I can't forget one of our flagship titles: **THE PHANTOM** We have LOTS of Phantom issues coming your way this year! We just love this character and can't help ourselves, we want to tell as many great Phantom stories as possible! Issues 2-6 are available for reorder from your favorite local comic shop, and #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 should all be hitting the shelves one right after the other for the next few months! That's right Phantom fans, that's 5 all NEW issues coming your way SOON! If you haven't picked up an issue of our Phantom book yet, #7 is the perfect jumping on point written by Phantom fan-fav Ben Raab with art by Pat Quinn. These guys are back for a two issue story, so check it out! Issue #9 is also written by Ben Raab with art by Alex Saviuk. Issues #10 and #11 are written by "Mr. Action" himself, Chuck Dixon, with art by "Mr. Detail" EricJ. Just look at that line-up! It is pretty damn impressive, if I don't say so myself!

There are even MORE new projects coming out from your friends here at Moonstone, but there are SO many, I can't possibly cover them all in this column! SO check back here every month to read more about our ultra cool books. You can also check out ALL of our books at www.moonstonebooks.com

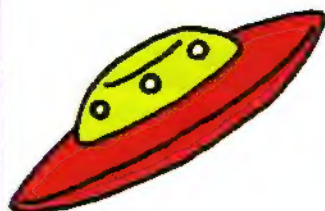
If you can't find our fine books at your local shop, you can always order them directly from our website, we ship ANYWHERE! Better yet, if you are going to be at the San Diego Comicon or Chicago WizardWorld, be sure to come by our booth. Don't forget to say "hi" and then you can pick up the books right from us! Many of our artists and writers will be on hand to sign books too, so there will be lots happening at the Moonstone booth at the two biggest comic shows of the year!



Feel free to write in and tell me what you think of our books, I'd love to hear from you! I might even start printing letters in these pages every month, nothing like a good ol' fashioned letters column! Or you can email me at moonstone_gal@yahoo.com.



See you cats next month! Yes, you read that right, **NEXT** month; this is a new ongoing feature in our books! And hey, if any of you girls or boys out there can help me think of a catchy name for this column, I will send you a very special prize! One copy of each of the books that I edit, signed by the writers and artists! SO, send in those suggestions! I will print them all, but only the one I like **BEST** will **WIN** the ultra cool prize of **FREE** signed comics!!



AND, if all this is NOT enough for you, wait there's more! Each and every month I will be interviewing one of our creators on our website. Check it out at www.moonstonebooks.com, there is a snazzy-dazzy link for my interviews right there on the homepage.

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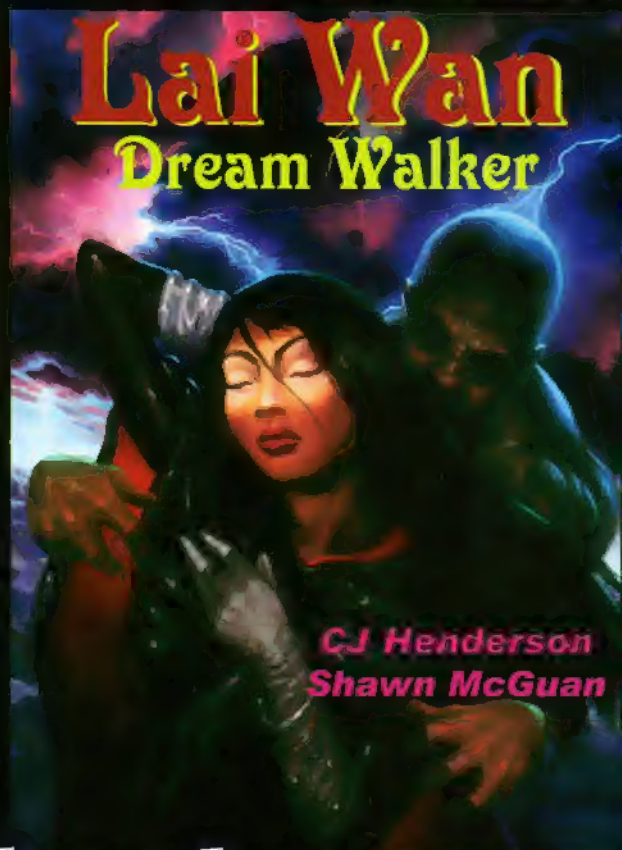
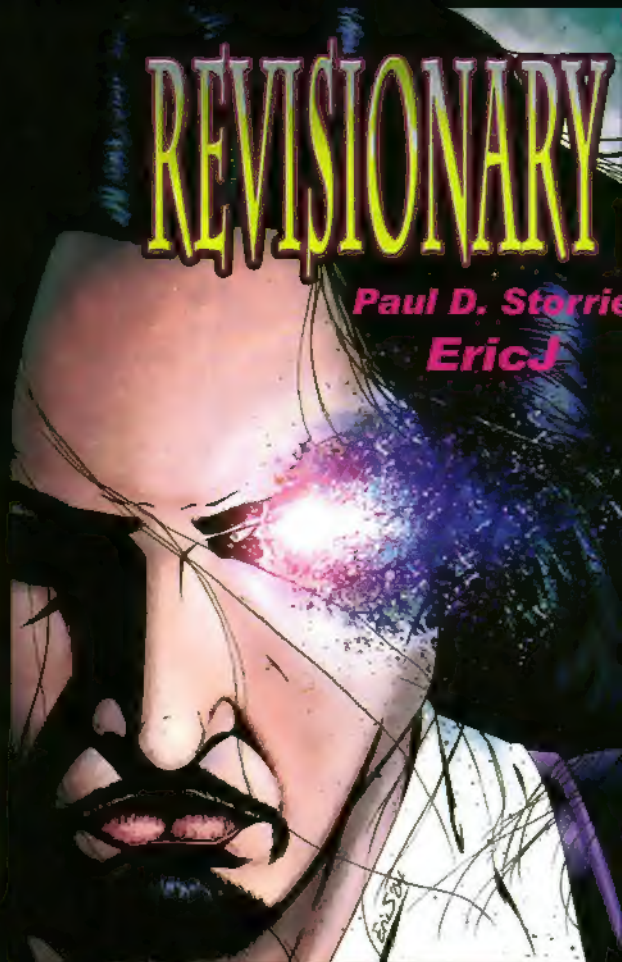


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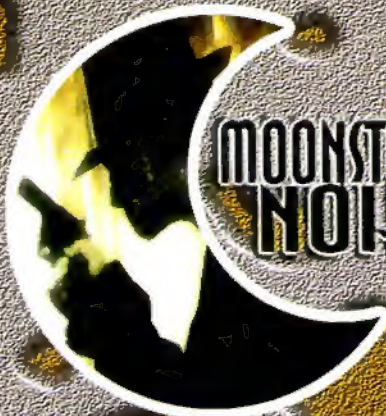
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